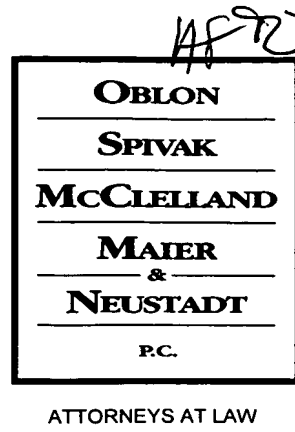




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/626,708
Applicants: Atsushi SUZUKI, et al.
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For: AGENT FOR PREVENTING, IMPROVING OR
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Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: Susan Coe Hoffman

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration; Attachments (2)

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In response to the Official Action mailed August 8, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.